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DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Adelina Patti, known as the Queen of Song, was born in Madrid, Spain, in 1843, of Italian parents.

Commissioner of Corrections Katharine B. Davis of New York has a plan for organizing a farming colony for women prisoners.

Melinda Scott, president of the New York Women's Trade Union league, is striving to have similar organizations formed in cities in other states.

Sister Margaret Clothilde Macdonald, matron-in-chief of the Canadian army nursing service, who accompanied the Canadian army to England, together with half a hundred nurses, is a native of Nova Scotia, but was trained as a nurse in New York.

Mrs. Stella von Turnau, who has been decorated with the order of Francis Joseph by the emperor of Austria, is the first woman on whom the honor has ever been conferred. She is a crack shot and a remarkable horsewoman and followed her husband to the front, where she distinguished herself in the trenches.

Food Prices.

With the price of bread advanced in a year when we raised more wheat than ever before possibly it is just as well that the crop was not larger.—Detroit News.

Statistics as to the supply of cattle indicate that the cost of beef should not go up. But statistics have never been considered reliable as a basis of prediction.—Washington Star.

If wheat goes higher use cornmeal. Is the advice of an expert. Why not? It is healthy; it sustained our forefathers; it is good all the way from cakes to pone. And, being the most American thing we can eat, it ought to feed the common patriotism.—Philadelphia Ledger.

SHORT AND SHARP.

Our wonderful language, "Civilized warfare."

A bad egg takes up as much room as a good one.

Flippant Flings.

It will be funny to see dignified office seekers tiptoeing around for fear of waking the baby.—Atlanta Constitution.

George W. Perkins advises consumers to buy in bulk and save on the cost of living. How would you buy liver by the bulk?—Detroit Free Press.

A Kansas man wants a divorce because his wife snores. Goodbye marriage if he gets it and a precedent is established.—Atlanta Constitution.

Since the White House is the traditional goal of every American boy, what is now left for President Wilson's grandson to plug for?—New York Sun.

BRIGHT BRIEFS.

A grievance is never improved by secret nursing.

Industry is the mother of success. Luck is merely a distant relation.

Mexican generals are spectacular in everything except getting killed off.

When a man writes his autobiography many interesting facts are omitted.

Some men are so lucky that they even fall down when nobody is around to see.

Swelled head is the only disease in which the suffering is done by other people.

The greatest mistake is to become discouraged because you have made a mistake.

Kipling insists that the English are the only humorous nation. If they can fathom that joke they are.

Scientists are agreed that the old earth is cooling off. But the process doesn't extend to the firing line.

It is sad to see family relics sold at auction, but the most painful thing under the hammer is generally your thumbnail.

With its armed neutrality, its mounting deficits and its dearth of tourists, Switzerland finds its scenery less satisfactory than usual.

Hussein Kemal, the new khedive of Egypt, has a larger moustache than the former khedive. Otherwise the government is not greatly changed.

A census of the men who have been president of Mexico in the last four years is in order. A census of those who have tried to be president is hopelessly impossible.

THE BROAD AX CAN BE FOUND ON SALE AT THE FOLLOWING NEWS STANDS:

From on and after this date The Broad Ax, can be found on sale at the following news stands:

N. B. Jones, magazines, cigars, tobacco and news stand, 248 E. 35th St.
N. C. Chalmers, cigars, tobacco, notions store and news stand, 5012 S. State street.

L. E. Chilton, news stand, S. E. corner 51st and State streets.

S. Berenbaum, Cigars, Notions and News Stand; 31 W. 51 Street, near Dearborn.

E. H. Faulkner, news agency; 3109 S. State street.

George I. Martin, maker of fine cigars and news stand, 18 W. 31st St., near State.

R. M. Harvey's barber shop and news stand, 3924 State street.

W. M. Maxwell, notions, cigars, tobacco, confections and news stand, 5244 State St.

Edward Felix, notions, cigars and news stand, 52 W. 30th St.

F. Bishop, cigars, tobacco and news stand, 3 W. 37th St., near State.

Sylvester McGlofin, news stand and laundry office, 4122 State St.

William Gaughan, laundry office cigars, tobacco and news stand, 2636 State St.

E. M. Oliver, notions, cigars and news stand, 15 W. 36th Street, near State.

A. D. Hayes, cigars, tobacco, notions, stationery and news stand, 3640 S. State St.

George McFarlo, shoe shining parlors and news stand, 3800½ State street.

T. B. Hall, Laundry office, cigars, tobacco and news stand, 3618 South State street.

Fred M. Waterfield, cigars, tobacco, notions and news stand, 5202 South State street.

Coleman & Glanton, cigars, tobacco and news stand, 3342 S. State street.

Miss E. M. McClain, hair dressing parlor and news stand, 30 W. 39th street.

F. M. Diffay, cigars, tobacco, notions and news stand, 3605 State street.

Tiny German States.

While it is well known that some of the German states are of illiputian size, few persons are aware that it is quite possible to visit seven of them, including two kingdoms, two duchies and three principalities in an easy walk of four and a half hours. A good walker, starting from Steinbach, in Bavaria, will arrive in half an hour at Lichtenanne, which is situated in Saxe-Meiningen. Thence the road proceeds in one and a half hours to Bauschengesee (Reuss, elder branch), after which in a few minutes Gleima. In Schwarburg-Rudolstadt, is reached. Half an hour's walk brings the pedestrian to Altenesee (Reuss, younger branch). An hour farther on lies Dornitz, on Prussian soil, and the last stage is another hour's stroll, finishing up at Saaletal, Saxe-Altenburg—Washington Star.

Over Their Heads.

Lady Southwark, in her "Social and Political Reminiscences," relates this experience of her father, the late Sir Thomas Chambers, during an election meeting in 1890, when Gladstone was speaking for him in St. Pancras:

"When my father arrived the crowd outside the building was so dense that it seemed physically impossible for him to get in. An inspector, realising this, suggested that he should go over and not through the crowd. This extraordinary idea was carried out. My father was lifted up with a gentle shove and propelled along on the heads of the people on all fours. This, he said, was not so difficult, as most wore bowler hats. Willing hands assisted, and when he reached the inside of the door he was gently lowered to the ground."

One Exception.

Mrs. Blanc said to her daughter one day: "I am certainly easy on shoes. Look at this pair of elastic sides. I've worn them three years, and they're as good as new. I'm easy on clothes too. There's my tweed—just as fresh as the day I bought it seven years ago. And hats, gloves, stockings—in fact, I'm easy on everything."

"Except father, eh?" said the daughter.—Detroit Free Press.

Bombs in Warfare.

It is claimed that during the siege of Paris in 1890 the Parisians invented the first bombs ever used. Being short of ammunition with which to reply to the artillery of the Germans, they set to fabricating it as best they could. Old nails and bits of wire, copper and other metals were rolled up in leaden envelopes, and the cannons were loaded with these improvised projectiles.

Right and Left.

A writer says that probably in every language, as in English, "right" originally signified merely "straight," "straightforward" and thus "normal." "Left" at first was no opposite to "right," but meant "weak," "inefficient."

Mere Worry.

"Don't worry. Worry affects the ductless glands of the body, thereby causing actual physical ailments." "Gosh, I'm sorry you told me that. It will make me worry."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Keystone State.

There are several theories as to how Pennsylvania came to be called the Keystone State. The one most generally accepted and the one most dear to all who own Pennsylvania as their native state, is that Pennsylvania decided the great issue of American independence.

At the meeting of the Continental congress in Philadelphia July 4, 1776, the vote adopting the Declaration was taken by states. Of the thirteen original states six had already voted in the affirmative and six in the negative, when the delegation from Pennsylvania came in. John Morton casting the deciding vote in the affirmative. Thus Pennsylvania, by her vote, decided and was named the Keystone State.

Another reason advanced is that in constructing a bridge between Pennsylvania avenue and Georgetown, Washington, a single arch was erected of stone left from building the walls of the capitol. On the thirteen "voussoirs" or arch stones, the names of the thirteen states were engraved. Pennsylvania, falling in the keystone of the arch, became still more widely known as the Keystone State.—Philadelphia Press.

Lubbock and the Bees.

In "Ants, Bees and Wasps" it is related that one summer some fifty years ago Sir John Lubbock became interested in a curious parasite of the bumblebee. He wished to complete his investigations, but as the winter came on did not know where to get the bees, so he advertised.

In reply to his advertisement a man wrote offering him a supply of bees at one and six pence. The price was high, but in the course of science Lubbock did not demur, only when he had bought all the bees he required he wrote to the man and said, "Now that I have had the bees, for which I am greatly obliged, would you kindly tell me, to satisfy my curiosity, how you are able to procure them at this time of year?" The man wrote back quite courteously, but quite firmly, saying: "No. Since I can sell the bees at eight-pence each, I think it pays me better to go on doing so than to tell anybody else how to procure them."

The Alaskans.

According to the government statistics, the natives of Alaska are about 26,000 in number, and they are spread over more than 350,000 of the 500,000 square miles of the territory. Their small settlements extend along 10,000 miles of coast and on both sides of the Yukon river and its tributaries, for a distance of more than 2,500 miles. One of the supervision districts contains a full 100,000 square miles. The others average more than 65,000 square miles each. Of the natives of Alaska approximately 11,000 belong to six tribes of Indians in southeastern and southern Alaska and in the valley of the Yukon. About 11,000 are Eskimos on the western and northwestern coasts, along the Bering sea, the Bering strait and the Arctic ocean. Something more than 3,000 are Aleuts and mixed races through the Aleutian islands.—Christian Herald.

The Admirable Towser.

"I've got the most wonderful dog in the world—the smartest, I mean," said one of a party camping in Canada last fall. "When I bring out my rifle he knows I'm going after deer, and he never offers to follow me, but if he sees me reach for my shotgun he knows that means partridges, and when I get to the woods I find him there waiting for me. Actually that dog knows the difference between a rifle and a shotgun."

"That's nothing," said another of the party from his place at the other side of the fire. "You fellows have seen my little Towser, haven't you? Well, when I begin to get out my fishing kit Towser runs up behind the barn and begins digging worms."—Saturday Evening Post.

Our Postal Service.

The beginning of the postal service in what is now the United States dates from 1639, when a house in Boston was employed for the receipt of letters for and from the old world. In 1672 the government of New York colony established a post to go monthly from New York to Boston. A general post-office was established in Virginia in 1662 and in Philadelphia in 1683. In 1789, when the federal government went into operation, the number of offices in the thirteen states was only about seventy-five.—New York American.

Chinese Language.

Where the Chinese language, written or spoken, came from nobody knows any more than they know where the original Chinese themselves came from. But it is probable that the primary Chinese characters existed 5,000 years ago pretty much as they do today.

A Gentle Reminder.

He—Have you decided what you will wear at the next german? She—That depends somewhat on the flowers that are sent me. I have a perfectly daisy gown that, with a dozen jack roses, would be just too sweet for anything.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

What We Remember.

The will governs the memory. We forget what does not concern us; we remember what is of lasting importance to the will.—Friedrich Paulsen in "Introduction to Philosophy."

Envy perhaps has made more gamblers than avarice, more drunkards than thine and perhaps as many suicides as despair.

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An Exception.

Bix—No man ever succeeded in business who kept watching the clock. Dix—Oh, I don't know. There's the train dispatcher.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Skeptical.

Not one man in a thousand who rolls down to the bottom of the hill can make the world believe he did it for exercise.—Atlanta Constitution.

Domestic Harmony.

Louise—Does Howard get along happily with his wife? Julia—Yes. Some of his opinions coincide with hers and the others he keeps silent about.—Life

All Around Him.

"I'm looking for spats." "You ought to have my job for awhile," commented the weary shoe waiter.—Louisville Courier-Journal.